

JUSTICE COURT JUDGES



**Judge
Kent Nielsen**

Sevier County Justice Court
(Sevier County)

Judge Kent Nielsen was elected to the bench in 1983. Judge Nielsen is the first graduate from both the national and state legal institutes for judges. He has served on the Judicial Council, was chair of the Board of Justice Court Judges, and director for the Six County Judges. Judge Nielsen has served on the Court Technology Committee, the Justice Court Education Committee, was chair of the Court Curriculum Committee, and is currently the chair of the Forms and Procedures Committee. Judge Kent Nielsen was awarded the Justice Court Judge of the year, Regional Director of the Year, and received the Quality of Justice Award.

Judge Nielsen's compliance with performance standards is as follows:

- 1) Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
- 2) Had at least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually during his term.
- 3) Mentally and physically fit for office.
- 4) In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.



**Judge
Ivo Ray Peterson**

Fairview, Fountain Green,
Gunnison, Manti, Moroni,
Mt. Pleasant, & Spring City
Municipal Justice Court
(Sanpete County)

Judge Ivo Ray Peterson was appointed to be Justice Court Judge for Manti City in January 2000. Since that time he has been appointed Justice Court judge by Mt. Pleasant, Moroni, Fairview, Spring City, Fountain Green, Gunnison, and Ephraim cities. Judge Peterson completed the Utah Legal Institute for Justice Court Judges in April 2002. He is presently assistant regional director for education, he has served on the committee to create a Drug Court in Sanpete County and is a member of the Domestic Violence Team in Sanpete County. Judge Peterson holds both Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts Degrees from the University of Utah and is a Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor through Utah State University. Judge Peterson presents information to high school drivers education classes, junior high civics and fifth grade classes about current Utah law.

Judge Peterson's compliance with performance standards is as follows:

- 1) Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
- 2) Had at least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually during his term, but failed to attend the annual justice court judges' conference in one year during his term. He showed good cause why he should nevertheless be certified.
- 3) Mentally and physically fit for office.
- 4) In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.



**Judge
Thomas Lee Robertson**

Piute County
Justice Court
(Piute County)

Judge Thomas Robertson has served the Piute Justice Court since 2002. He has been a business owner in Piute County for the last 17 years and spent 25 years in the insurance business. Judge Robertson attended college in California. He has served on the Justice Court Education Committee since 2007 and has been the Sixth District Court Judge director since 2008. Judge Robertson attended the Legal Institute in 2009 and received their certification in criminal law. He has been married for 28 years and has five children.

Judge Robertson's compliance with performance standards is as follows:

- 1) Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
- 2) Had at least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually during his term.
- 3) Mentally and physically fit for office.
- 4) In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.